

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

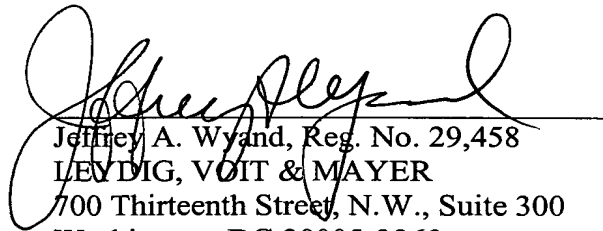
In response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2006, Applicants propose to amend their application and request reconsideration in view of the proposed Amendment and the following remarks. It is proposed to cancel claims 2 and 3, leaving claims 1 and 4-9 pending.

Claims 4-9 are allowed.

Claim 3 was only objected to. In this Amendment, claim 3 is rewritten in independent form as amended claim 1. The amendment of claim 1, by incorporating the limitation of claim 3, is not based upon a serial attachment of claim 3 to claim 1. Instead, the limitations of claim 3 is entered in appropriate locations within examined claim 1, based upon the disclosure of the patent application at page 6, lines 2-8. In other words, claim 1 is amended by incorporating the limitation of claim 3 in a way that produces a rational claim consistent with the disclosure of the patent application. No new issue is raised by this amendment. Since claim 3 was conceded to be allowable, amended claim 1 is clearly allowable.

This Amendment places the application in form for allowance so that its entry is proper. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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